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WEST VIRGINIA 2006 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

WEST VIRGINIA -- Corn plantings in West Virginia are expected to total 45,000 acres, the same as 2005, and down 6% or 3,000 acres from 2004.

Winter wheat planted area is estimated at 8,000 acres, up 14% or 1,000 acres from 2005, and the same as 2004.

Soybeans planted acreage is expected to total 17,000 acres, down 6% or 1,000 acres from 2005, and down 11% or 2,000 acres from 2004.

All hay acreage harvested is expected to total 595,000 acres, up 3% or 20,000 acres from 2005 and 2004.

UNITED STATES WITH 2005 COMPARISONS

- Corn plantings - 78.0 million acres, down 5%.
- Oat plantings - 4.32 million acres, up 2%.
- Winter wheat planted - 41.4 million acres, up 2%.
- All tobacco for harvest - 306,630 acres, up 3%.
- Burley tobacco for harvest - 83,500 acres, down 17%.
- Soybean plantings - 76.9 million acres, up 7%.
- Sorghum plantings - 6.5 million acres, up slightly.
- Barley plantings - 3.67 million acres, down 5%.
- All hay for harvest - 61.5 million acres, down slightly.

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